

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 698
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Deputy Police Chief Mike Yaniero of the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department, and to congratulate him upon earning recognition as the National Police Officer of the Month.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals, known as law enforcement officers, daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Police Chief Mike Yaniero of the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department is one such individual, who, during National Police Week ceremonies, was recognized by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund as the National Police Officer of the Month for April of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Police Chief Yaniero has served with great bravery and ability during his eight-year tenure with the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department; he has been praised for a career marked by selfless service, particularly his community policing efforts that have made a difference for children and teens in Bristol; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee State University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, he gained extensive experience through the Sullivan County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Department; in 1998, he earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from East Tennessee State University, and he has acquired additional postgraduate credit hours from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society in Criminology, Deputy Police Chief Yaniero serves as an adjunct instructor of Criminal Justice at East Tennessee State University, and he has served as a diplomat with the American College of Forensic Examiners; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department, Deputy Police Chief Yaniero has been promoted to the rank of Major; in addition, he has led successful initiatives to improve highway safety, established at-risk reading and crime prevention programs in schools, and supervised development of computer-based crime analysis systems; and

WHEREAS, he has also accepted the daunting task of supervising a multijurisdiction task force that controls security and protection for the more than 140,000 visitors to Bristol Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being the first officer from the Tri-Cities region to win National Police Officer of the Month honors, Deputy Police Chief Yaniero became one of the first law enforcement officers in the country to receive the FBI director's Community Service Leadership Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, a trusted member of his community, Deputy Police Chief Yaniero graciously says that the National Police Officer of the Month honor is more about the community than him;

he considers it his responsibility to work to protect citizens, prevent crime, and improve the community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Police Chief Yaniero has performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Deputy Police Chief Mike Yaniero for his meritorious service to the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department, congratulate him upon receiving the National Police Officer of the Month Award, and offer our thanks for his hard work to protect the citizens of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.